(b) Pre-construction activities and award of works on the stretch are in process. The civil work is likey to be awarded by September, 2005 with targeted completion by March, 2008.

Progress Report of NHAI

†1227. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India has submitted and report to Government regarding progress of Golden Quadrilateral Highway Project;

(b) whether dissatisfaction has been expressed in the said report on the progress of the said project; and

(c) if so, Government's stand thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Monthly progress of projects is submitted to the Ministry.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

NH from Barhi to Bahargoda

†1228. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of changing National Highway from Barhi to Bahargoda *via* Ranchi into 'four lanes';

(b) whether requisite funds have been sanctioned by the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The National Highway No. 33 between Barhi and Jamshedpur is included in National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III for upgradation to four lanes. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) from Barhi to Ranchi has been prepared. The stretch between Hazaribagh-Ranchi has been approved under NHDP Phase-III A for four lanes on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. BOT bids have been invited for this section.

(b) and (c) Sufficent funds have been sanctioned by the Government for NHDP Phase-IIIA.

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